Tell me softly what it whispers at three, Then, come, gentle lambs, and wonder no more Til the voice of the Shepherd that calls you a

And remember at six that the fading of day, That "your life is a vapor that passeth away. And what says the clock when it strikes seven And what says the clock when it strikes eight? "Strive, strive to enter in at the beautiful gate

And loader, still louder it calls you at nine, "My son give me that heart of thine!" And such be the voices responsive at ten. "Hessanna in the highest, hosanna, amen!

And loud let your voices ring at eleven, "Of such is the kingdom, the kingdom of heav When the deep strokes at midnight the watch-word shall ring.

"Lo, these are my jewels, these, these saith the King!" -Philadelphia Call.

ONLY A WOMAN'S HEART.

Only a woman's heart, whereon
You have tred in your careless haste;
A thing at best that was easy won:
What matter how drear a waste
Her life may be in the future years?
What matters it? Do not start—
It is only the sound of dropping tears
As wrung from a woman's heart.

Tis of little worth, for it cost you naught
But a honeyed word and a smile.
Was the fault not here, if she blindly though
You were troer than truth the while?
What if the seeds of a life-long wee
From its broken shrine npstart?
What does it matter to you? You know
It is only a woman's heart.

Only a heart to be thrown away
With the recklessness that a boy
Who, careless of pleasure and wearv of pla
Woold throw down a broken toy.
The world is fair and the world is wide,
And there's more in the busy mart;
(Conscience you know you have put aside;)
It is only a woman's heart.

But powerless is your boasted will
To vanquish the ghost of sin.
It has spoken oft, and it whispers still
Your soul's dark chambers in;
In the drama of one life you know
You have acted the villain's part,
For you struck a hard, a cruel blow,
And it fell on a woman's heart.

Only a woman's heart, ah, well!
The little, I trow, to you
Whether that heart was as false as hell,
Or as heaven itself as true.
You may hug the thought to your selfish breas
That you're skilled in deception's art;
But I brand you thief, for the peace and rest
That you stole from a woman's heart.

A SUPERIOR KNAVE.

"I am going to tell you a story of real life," said a friend to me in the club the other night-a friend who has lived in many countries and seen very much of

turnished apartment in Paris. One day my servent brought me the card of Mr. Charles Dumont. The name was not known to me, but I told him to show the gentleman in. A tall and very good-looking fellowentered. He was extremely well developed and I noticed particular ly that he wore three very handsome malachite studs, and sleeve buttons of the same material. He addressed me in a frank and hearty manner.

"'You do not know me, Mr. ---.' he said. But we ought to be well acquainted, for I am a nephew of your dear old friend Colonel Charles Merritt, of New Orleans, and I have heard him speak so often and so warmly about you that I cannot regard you as a stranger.'

"I was extremely prepossessed by the young fellow's appearance, and delighted to meet a countryman of good con-nections with time on his hands.

"We soon became very intimate and were much together for some weeks thenceforward. Dumont was a very accomplished and agreeable man, and I found him most excellent company.

"One day, returning from a joureny, I received a call from a sergeant de ville. I had no idea what he could want with me, but I soon learned. 'Pardon, monsieur," said he 'I am

sorry to trouble you, but do you know one Mr. Charlas Dumont?" "'Yes, very well,' said I.

" May I ask if you know him well in America?

"I was about to answer that I did when I suddenly recollected that I did not know him well in America. So I mid. 'I knew his family and friends there, ery well.'
"I regret to inform you, monsi-

said the officer, that he is in custody, and that his extradition for the crime of forgery is demanded by the United Will you go with me and see

"Of course, I assented, and in a short time, and after elaborate formalities I was taken to a cell in the prison of St. Pelagie, where I found my new acquaintance, apparently in excellent health and spirits, and jauntily wearing his malachite studs.

"I am sorry to see you here,' said I. How can such a shocking mistake have

"'It was no mistake at all,' said he, standing erect, and with perfect coolness

"Good heavens? What do you mean? I cried.

"I will tell you,' said he. 'I have deceived you. My name is not Dumont at all. It is Ashlly. I am the son of an English gentleman, and lived in Wisconsin until a place was offered me as clerk ion house in New Orleans. in a commis My work was hard and my salary small; but I always dreamed of the day when I would be rich and assume my rightful position in society. In this direction I was desperately ambitious. One day the devil tempted me. I was sent to the bank with a check for fourteen dollars. The humor seized me to alter it, as a joke. to one for fourteen thousand. I did this, in the presence of the cashier. I assure you that I had not the slightest idea but that the teller would notice the alteration and take the thing as I meant it. To my infinite surprise, he handed me the four-teen thousand dollars. When the money was in my hand it suddenly occurred to me that my opportunity had come. A steamer was to sail for Havana in an hour, and on that steamer I took my passage, having just time to reach the wharf withggage. From Cuba I went to an came to Paris. I have been and suppose some one has recognized me. No matter; I have enjoyed myself to the full, extent and now I must pay the piper. I have only one favor to ask of you. am a gentleman. De not let me be iron-ed. I give my word not to jump over-board or try to escape in any way. And, by the way, of the \$14,000 which I

You will find it hidden behind the pier glass in my apartment, where it escaped the vigilance of the police. It will just about suffice to pay the bills, of which I hand you a list, and I beg you to attend

On the 9th of December last L. W.

was fully extradited.

"I thought you were in the peneteniary!' I said.

'Oh, no!" said he, 'I was only in iail. and I have never been tried. The cashier died suddenly and there was no one to prosecute. The jailer and I became great friends. He was a Knownothing and a tremendous partisan, and much interested in that movement. I wrote articles for him and was useful to him in many ways. One day he said to me, 'The door of this jail is open. Why do you not walk out?' I did so, and here I am. I have no money and want to earn an honest livelihood. Will you help me to do so

"'Dumont,' said I, 'you cannot possibly stay here, with a crime hanging over you. There is just one thing for you to do. I will buy you some clothes and pay your railroad fare to New York. I will write you a letter to a man there who will at once forward you to General Wal-ker in Nicaragua, and I will give you an introduction to my friend Hemingsen, who is with him. Throw yourself heart and soul into the service and you ought to be an officer in three months. If they succeed you will be a patriot and hero." He grasped my hand and thanked me warmly. I kept my word, and thought

"About six months later, when I was still in St. Louis, the card of a well known lawyer, in official position, was brought This gentleman showed some embarrassment in addressing me. Finally he told me that a friend of mine had be-come intimate in his family, and that he tending to show his authority; comes inwould like to know something about him. to a neignborhood and wants to hire a I should mention that this gentleman was the brother of two young ladies who afterward attained much celebrity in the literary and dramatic world. I asked tain amount paid down by each one to

talks of you as could none but an inti- about this summer. mate friend?

"We argued the matter for some time, studs, and, lo and behold, he did! It was mate with the two young ladies to whom I have referred; had won the affections to her!

"When I explained matters to my visitor he was terribly enraged and vowed vengence against the man who had de-ceived him. I wished to aid him and persuaded him to promise to use no vio-lence; to be guided by me and to go with me to New York, where his sisters and my old anquaintance then were. He did so and we took rooms near his sisters. I nearly completed. It is one of the most knew very well the one of them who had extensive bridges on the road, and is become engaged, and with the freedom built with two spans of 150 feet 9 inches of an old friend I told her the truth about each, making it a trifle over 300 feet in her fiance. She received the intelligence length. The trusses are twenty-eight with surprise and sorrow, but womanlike, feet high, and the total weight of the did not believe me. I learned from my bridge is 375,000 pounds. friend, as soon as I left his sisters, Ashley went to them, and persuaded them that I had slandered him from motives of jealousy. I knew the fellow was still in the house, and I bribed a porter to place Charles Harris, a tramp burglar to five in his hands a note from me, telling him that he had better meet me at eleven o'clock the next day. I received in due course a reply, saying, that he would be there; and he came on the minute. My

friend, the brother of the girls (I will call him Sam), was with me, but let me do the talking. "Our friend of the many aliases wa looking very well, and, as usual, wore the malachite studs. When I takled him with his perfidy and duplicity, he broke down and wept bitterly. He acknowledged how wrong he had been in win-

lady whom he could not possibly marry. "Finally he agreed to sail for -Europe next morning, and leave her to forget him. He said that \$150 would cover his expenses. With that in hand he would solemnly promise to take himself off and future trouble. Sam at once make no handed him double the amount; and I fully thought we had gotten rid of him

"Judge of my astonishment when next morning Sam burst into my room, his hair actually standing on end, and informed me, amid oaths and lamentations, that the man had indeed gone, but hav ing twice as much money as he expected, he had taken both the sisters with him. This is a fact. He married one of them, but she subsequently secured a divorce from him. The other married a famous artist.

"In Europe fortune favored him, and he was quite an important man in France under the empire, and was once sent to London by the Emperor on a

"Not long ago, if you will believe it, I met this man face to face on Broadway, looking extremely well and faultlessly dressed, with the ribbon of the Legion of Honor in his button-hole and still wearing the malachite studs. He insisted upon saluting me, and I was as

affable and frank as possible. "'You have done me great service in times past,' said he, 'when I was down and you were up. Fortune is sure to change. Now I am up, and it may be that you are down. If so, believe me that I shall be delighted to reciprocate. Here is my card, and I beg you to command me at all times and in all ways The card was that of a journalist of muc note, and such, I believe, is my remarka ble acquaintance to-day.

"You may suppose that I have been romancing a little. On the contrary, while I have suppressed some names and altered others, I have told you only what actually happened, and I doubt not that it will be my fortune to meet this remarkable man in some other capacity still in this world. Should I meet him in the next I am sure he will still be wearing the three studs, even if they be asbestes instead of malachite.."

KANSAS NEWS.

On the 9th of December last L. W. of this matter for me."

"There was little for me to say. I and a married man, eloped with a married to do what he wanted, and I ried woman named Mrs. Servis, also a ade him good by. In a few days he resident of Clifton. The husband of the woman made an attempt to follow his "Three years later I was seated in my wife, but her father, L. Long, started in house in St. Louis when a gentleman was pursuit, and after following them for announced; and, to my surprise, in four months found them at Garden Grove, announced; and, to my surprise, in walked Mr. Ashley, alias Dumont, neat as a new pin, and wearing the malachite studs. I looked at him in speechless ascounty. Mr. Long took charge of his

county. Mr. Long took charge of his daughter, who was perfectly willing to return home, as she had been forgiven by her father. She is very pretty, being only 24 years of age. It is said Lind has ruined three other women, and Mr. Long stated that he would send him to the penitentiary. Lind is said to be a handsome man, and possessed of considerable money. When the couple left Mrs. Servis took her little boy, five years old, with her, but sent him back to Clifton from Salt Lake City. A dispatch from Columbus, Cheroke

county says: Fire started in the restaur-ant of Richard Hirtz, on the east side of buildings owned by D. M. Sovereen, Jane e'er long. A. Whiteraft, Bramin Bros., G. W. Hoyt, Freeman & Cowley and the upper story on buildings are about as follows; S. M. Sovereen, \$800, insured for \$350; Jane A. Whiteraft, \$1,000, insured for \$1,000; Bramin Bros., 500, insured for \$400. George W. Hoyt, \$1,000, no insurance; Freeman & Cowley, \$800, no insurance. The losses on stocks were: E. M. Clendening & Co., grocers, \$4,500, insurance \$3,000; Bramin Bros., stationers, \$4,500, insurance \$3,400; Kichard Hirtz, bakery and restaurant, \$2'500, insurance \$1,500 warmly. I kept my word, and thought I had done the best possible thing for \$2,500; J. B. Thurman, physician, fully insured; M. M. Edmiston, attorney. \$200; no insurance; W. R. Brown, jus tice of the peace, all papers and dockets

Garden City Sentinel: A new scheme is being practiced by sharpers over the lot of men on a new line of railroad or him the name of the person to whom he referred, and he said it was Delorme. I assured him that I knew no person of the trame.

"You must knew him,' said he. 'He The schemers will take Finney county

By the caving in of some dirt in the "We argued the matter for some time, both of us being very presistent. Suddenly a wild idea crossed my mind. I asked the gentleman if the man who parised to be seen friend was maleshite. The mine had been considered in a dangerous condition claimed to be my friend wore malachite and work had been stopped but Maahs studs, and, lo and behold, he did! It was wished to continue and did so until his Ashley, alias Delvime, whom I supposed to be serving bravely with Hemingsen. I then discovered that he was very inti-

Fire destroyed seven business house of one of them and had become engaged at Melvern, Osage county, the other day, with losses as follows: R. P. Cushman, restaurant, \$150; B. F. Stanfer, \$1,500; W. J. Collier, \$1,000; W. J. Haskins \$900; J. Hand, \$2,000; S. B. Enderton \$1,000; W. Shreves, \$1,500; M. Broth ers, \$500. All but Stanfer and Cushm were insured for about full value.

Wichita Eagle: The Fort Scott company's new iron bridge at Clearwater is

tentiary, by sentencing George Taylor a burglar and highwayman, to six years; years and three months, and H. L. Thompson, a mule thief, to eighteen months.

Commissioners have been issued to the following Kansas postoffices: Jeremiah B. Fuson at Coursen's Grove, Gilbert L. Kahle at Kelso, Jacob D. Drose at Plympton, Michael J. Keating at

Harper, Harper county, is the first city n the state to act in the matter of a public library. They already have a fine one, and it will be donated to the city as ning the affections of an estimable young nucleus around which to build.

Ed. Malloy was convicted of violating the prohibitory law at Kingman, the other day. He was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$100. .

Dr. J. H. Branford was convicted a Council Grove last week of violating the prohibitory law and was fined \$100, and given thirty days in the county jail.

Clay Center will vote, April 27, on roposition to give \$100,000 bonds to aid a building the Omaha, Abilene and Wichita railroad.

One of the best, if not the best coun ties financially in Kansas is Trego, hav-ing redeemed her last dollar of outstanding bonds. The Good Templars of Meriden, Jef-

erson county, are making strong efforts their town. The flouring mill of Markley Brothers Bennington, Ottawa ccunty, was burned the other day. Loss \$11,500. Insurance

Ottawa Republican: 'The cows Anderson county are on a strike. A milk and butter famine is reported from

Kansae Cattle Growers' association will convene at Dodge City, April 16th

A lodge of the Rebecca degree I. O. O. F. was instituted at Medicine Lodge the other day. The mayor of LaCygne, Linn county

following after the governor issued arbor day proclamation. A man named Lincoln Addensall com mitted suicide while in jail at Winfield

the other day.

The small-pox scare which has been existing at Paola has entirely abated. A lodge of the A. F. & A. M. has bee stituted at Saratoga, Pratt county.

"Fagan" is the name of a new town tween Alton and Osborne City. A lodge of the A. O. U. W. is a established at Salina.

Marion county continues to b

GRAND ARMY GLEANINGS.

Items of Interest Pertaining to the Post and its Members.

Over five hundred comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled at Watertown, D. T., at the third annual encampment of Dakota. J. V. Lucas, the department commander, presided. A resolution was introduced favoring the establishing of the Iown State Soldiers' Home at Mason City, Iowa, on account of its proximity to Dakota. The recolution was defeated because the comrades Home at Mason City, Iowa, on account of its proximity to Dakota. The resolution was defeated because the comrades believed that the great state or states of Dakota could take care of its own soldiers, and would in due time erect a home within its own borders.

Manhattan Industrialist: This year we sow nothing but "winter" cats, meaning by that the heavy, rather coarse, reddish-colored variety that passes quite generally throughout the state under that name. These case may be sown safely almost ony time in the spring affect in our time. home within its own borders.

Writing of the Fitz John Porter case the Washington correspondent of the Kansas Knight and Soldier asks: "Is there not some danger in too much gener-osity toward a class who, for generations dominated over this country, and who again press forward to draw the reign over us, dictating terms to their conquering foe with the first opportunity? As we well know the veteran is made to feel —more and more every day—that ques-tion. 'who surrendered at Appomattox' the public square, and in fifty minutes We must cry 'halt' and 'who goes there?

Syracuse Journal: The comrades Hancock Post No. 331 G. A. R. of this place are making arrangements to hold a grand camp fire on the eve of April 19th, being the 25th anniversary of the Balti-more not, when the first defender of our country was slain, some of the boys being among the troops so cowardly as-

Anthony Herald; Conway Springs post No. 229 G. A. R. was organized last week at Conway Springs, with a membership of thirty-five. Gregory Allen is post commander and J. M. Rowe, adutant. Now the old soldiers of that thriving burg will have a place to meet and tell how they "fit, bled and died."

J. W. Van Scoyoe, company A. Sixtyfourth Ohio, now living at Lura, Kansas says it is impossible to tell what regi-mental flag was first planted on Mission-ary Ridge. That question is not settled, either, by the great panorama now on exhibition in Chicago.

Anthony Herald: Benton post G. A. R. met the other night and mustered in some new recruits. The post is growing ast and its meetings are becoming more interesting. Old soldiers miss a great deal by not attending them.

W. S. Vader, Company D, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, Atchison, Kan., would like to hear from any member of his commany who was in Tyler or camp Ford orison with him in 1865.

Comrade Charles E. Horam, Homa Ill., is writing a history of the Twenty-sixth Illinois infantry, and hopes to hear from many of the members of that regi-The Chicago posts of the G. A. R., are

eturning from the national encampment. Council Grove Republican: Our mem-

is making arrangments for its observance. Iola Democrat: Nineteen applicants \$137. were examined last week by the board of pension examiners, which is composed of

Drs. Hendricks, Gifford and French. A Grand Army of the Republic excus sion ticket to the national encampment at San Francisco will allow 150 pounds of oaggage.

county, recently netted \$81.25 from an entertainment which they gave. Illinois veterans are perfecting arrange-

A G. A. R. reunion will be held at

STOCK AND FARMING

and 17th.

Information Concerning the Principa

Interests of Kansas. Louisville Republican: Several farm ers in this locality will plant large field o sunflower seed the coming season. The good results met with by the one or two parties who engage in the business here from two to three seeds in a hill. The it has tried to do so.

ime for planting is from the middle of May forward, but never make the plantand just before they begin to shell out, similar to broom corn, and placed in bins, free from dampness, and allowed to dry after which it is very easily and quickly threshed and cleaned by flailing and fan-

ning, and it is then ready for the market. Fredonia Citizen: The lessons of adversity teach more important facts than prosperity. They should induce our farmers to take greater precaution in selecting seed corn. With the observations of due to feeding rotten or moldy corn. As ferson county, are making strong efforts on take greater precaution in selecting to have the druggist's license, revoked in seed corn. With the observations of 1885 fresh in memory, and the losses of soft corn cannot be ground readily the early planting, caused by using seed corn which was not as sound as could tening or milch cattle early in the season. have been selected, there should be no It is better for feeding whole to these delay in testing the seed to be planted than the hard ears, while the latter are delay in testing the seed to be planted this spring. While late planting has, and will produce a fair crop, it will not do to rely upon, nor is it so profitable. The early planted corn, where the seed used has a perfect germ, is almost cer

> tity in an entire county, being equiva-lent to many thousand dollars in cash. Kansas Farmer: M. B. Kengy, Wellington, Sumner county, breeder of large English Berkshires, recently purchased of H. Williams & Son, Duchess 20th 11147, bred by N. H. Gentry, out of Duchess 4th 7298, and sired by Sovereign 2d. She is one of the best bred sows in the country, and is now in farrow by first prizes and gold medal at the leading shows in Canada m 1881. Mr. K. got this valuable sow at the very low

the purchase of an animal pos

sately almost only time in the spring at-ter the frost is out of the ground; but plants of this variety will not nearly sur-vive exposure to a Kansas winter. The time is near at hand when spring oats will be unknown in Kansas. The win-ter sort yields fully a third more than the common variety, and the quality of the grain is greatly superior to the com-mon shriveled-up Kansas oat.

The farmers in the vicinity of Carlyle Allen county, have organized what they call a "Farmers' Club." It meets once a month and its object is To endeavor to educate its members in the best methods and highest arts of agriculture, horticulture, poultry and stock raising." It is a praiseworthy enterprise and the ex-ample should be followed by the farmers in every township in the state.

Dodge City Globe: Even the young calves are being swindled in their food milch.

Leonardville Monitor: Farmers should would be well to select it with great care, as a bad stand of corn is a thing greatly to be deplored among farmers. It never and growth of average years at this date can be made good. Look carefully after is 80 per cent." your seed corn.

Dodge City Globe: How to rid the range of animals that kill cattle is a question that will be carefully considered by many of the cattlemens, conventions this spring. The loss by this means in some ections amounts to as much as the loss making arrangments for the reception of by the winter storms, and interested posts and comrades on their way to and parties are determined to stop the leak.

At the public sale of Holstein Fresian cattle held last week at Scottville, by Mr. C. W. Culp, the following averages were crial day as it is now called, comes on C. W. Culp, the following averages were Sunday this year, and Wadsworth post \$225; eight bulls brought \$921; average \$115; ten head brought \$1,371; average

FARM NOTES

If you do not know what the potato land needs, apply complete fertilizers till you find out. A ton of potash might be spread upon the land without any result. Plants, like human beings, need a complete food. On some soils a single ele The G. A. R. post at Sterling, Rice ment will make the food complete, while in others several must be applied. It does not pay to experiment upon the whole piece with a single element.

Every farmer's wife, says Mrs. A. G. Chandler, knows how hard it is to get the husband to spade up the garden. The best way to overcome this difficulty Burr Oak, September 14th, 15th, 16th, is to move the garden operations out into the potato patch. Plant the vegetable there, in rows, where they can be cultivated by horse power. By putting the garden out there, cleaner culture will be

The notion common among farmer in some sections that all plants which are to grow upwards-like corn or wheat -must, in order to prosper, have their last year has spurred others up to the seeds put in when the moon is waxing while all that grow downwards—like section is a money-making, labor-saving beets and parsnips—must have the seeds industry. One bushel of seed will plant put down in the waning of the moon, beets and parsnips-must have the seeds 12 acres. Plant in the hills the same as has, according to Prof. C. A. Young, corn, the same as distance apart and put

The quince is too much neglected. It is about as easy to grow as the pear, ing extend too far into June. Cultivate but it needs manure, and not fence-corthree times, and if the soil is very foul ner attention. Good quinces usually hoe once and cut all the weeds out of the sell at high rates as compared with oth-hills. When the seeds ripen in the fall, er fruits though that doubtless is because they are scarce, and not in dethe head must be cut off from the stalks, mand for eating out of the hand. The market would probably break down if quinces were as plentiful as apples, but there is little danger of the supply ever

becoming thus over-abundant There is difficulty in storing soft corn in large lots, as it easily moulds and bebest use of it is to feed it whole to fatmuch the best for hogs.

Duorht and lack of available food are the two great enemies of great yields of potatoes. The latter can be supplied by fertilizers. we cannot control the seasons. By means of mulching, we can reserve moisture to be used by the plant during the dry season. It is evident that the tuber takes no part in the nourishment of the plant, but that it must be nourished by the plant and its roots. The tuber is so largely made up of water that any lack of supply checks the growth materially.

The common practice of ploughing at the same depth every year is apt to make a hard pan by packing the soil below where the share scrapes over it. If this depth is varied occasionally the hard pan depth is varied occasionally the hard pan will be broken up, and this also is a good will be broken up, and this also is a good reason for deeper ploughing than usual sometimes. This extra depth of furrow, got this valuable sow at the very price of \$100. The sows that comprised however, should be made when the subhowever, should be made when the subhowever, should be made when the subhowever, should be made when the subsoil is dry. To plow deep in spring
when the soil packs from being filled Saratoga Sun: Mr. H. Giffhorn with fact, heavy soil should not be ploughed in the last ten days has lost about \$100 worth of hogs. He attributes the loss to

Council Grove Cosmos: We have taken the paints to interview quite a number of the paints and the with that shown by the reports from the central belt is not very important. In the west increased areas have been started out, and he wanted to know how sent in the section, where the acreas have been and still remains sent him to the bouse to see the old woman. She has got a way of wiping her eyes and choking unusually cold weather of January and that set every hen to laughing. That's five times we've played it on the swell nimes when the large wheat-growing districts has been seriously injured by the pect more fun this summer than a horse Hessian fly.

A summary of the reports from 480 correspondents, representing every organiz-ed county and some of the unorganized showing the condition of the crop April 1. clearly indicates that at least 40 per cent of the wheat sown in Kansas last fall has been killed. The loss in the central part calves are being swindled in their food, and instead of getting a good mess of milch as in former times, they are in the different counties from 30 to 80 some dairies raised without ever tasting per cent; in the eastern counties from 20 pure milch, in that case they know no to 30 per cent, and in the west from 5 to better and may be as well off and just as happy on the milchaline which they are fed on, as if they started life on pure to 30 per cent, and in the west from 5 to 10 per cent. The reports also show the condition of the live plants to be 20 per cent below the vitality and growth of average years at the period under con-sideration April 1. A summary of the remember that the past winter has been loss in the area sown, as compared with very severe, and the probabilities are that seed corn will be a little uncertain. It death from other causes 40 per cent. The area from which a product may be expected, as compared with the vitality

THE "MARSEILLAISE."

Once Proscribed Hymn Officially De-clared the National Air. Chambers' Magazine. Of all the airs which deserve to be

ermed national that of the French "Marseillaise" is, without doubt, the most lively and exciting. "The sound of it," says Carlyle, "will make the blood tingle in men's veins, and whole armies and assemblages will sing it with eyes of weeping and burning, with hearts defiant of death, despot, and devil." Even in times of peace and quietness it is impossible to listen to its animating strains without experiencing a certain thrill, and its effects on an impetuous people in the troublous times of the past may be easily seillaise" is, without doubt, the most liveimagined. Such was its power upon the French that it was at one time forbidden to be played or sung, and the prohibition extended until 1879, when the minister of war issued a circular authorizing bands to play the tune at reviews and official ceremonies.

Considering the extraordinary part which the "Marseillaise" has played in

the affairs of France, we might

onably expect that the words and air had emanated from some genius who had bestowed much labor and care on their production. And yet, as the story goes, both words and music were writte one night, without any previous sketching out or after elaboration. The author and composer was Rouget de Lisle, an officer of engineers, who had formerly been a teacher of music. He was greatly admired among his acquaint
was greatly admired among his acquaintauthor and composer was Rouget de was greatly admired among his acquaint-ances for his poetical and musical gifts, and was especially intimate with Baron Dietrich, the mayor of Strasburg. One evening during the spring of 1792 De Lisle was a guest at the table of this family. The baron's resources had been so greatly reduced by the necessities and calamities of war that nothing better than garrison bread and a few slices of ham could be provided for dinner Dietrich smiled sadly at his friend, and lamenting the scantiness of his fare, de-clared that he would bring forth the last remaining bottle of Rhine wine in his cellar if he thought it would help to inspire De Lisle in the composition of a patriotic song. The ladies signed their approval, and sent for the last bottle of wine the house could boast of. After dinner De Lisle returned to his solitary chamber, and in a fit of enthusiasm

te enough to do) composed the words mortalized his name. The following morning he hastened with it to his friend Dietrich, in whose house it was sung for the first time, exciting great enthus A few days afterward it was publicly performed in Strasburg, and on June 25 it was sung at a banquet in Marseilles with so much effect that it was printed at once and distributed among the troops just starting for Paris. They en-tered the capital singing their new hymn, which they had called, "Chant des Mar-seillais," and soon the tune was known throughout every part of France. De Lisle's claim to the authorship

at one time disputed, but the truth of the story which we have given regarding the origin of the air has long since been proved beyond a doubt. It should be mentioned that the French have another national tune, "Partant pour la Syrie," which is, however, nx very popular and not very meritorious. All that we need to say of it is that it was composed by Hortense, the mother of Napoleon III.

Hunting for Grouse.

THE MANSAS WHEAT CRO. T.

Reports From all Sections show Heavy
Losses by Frost and Other Causes [2]
TOPERA, April 5.—Secretary Sims, of the state board of agriculture, furnished the following summary of his crop report for the month ending the 31st inst.:

"The light yield and unsatisfactory price of winter wheat for 1885, together with the unfavorable condition at seeding time caused a reduction in the area sown last fall, as compared with 1884, of about 56 per cent. The greater part of this growing district in the central portion of the state, known as "the wheat belt." The counties of Dickinson, Saline, Marion, Sedgwick and Sumner, six of the largest wheat producing counties of the state, show a lose as compared with the areas sown in 1884, of 140,000 acres, while all the other counties of the state, show a lose as compared with the areas sown in 1884, of 140,000 acres, while all the other counties of the state, show a lose as compared with the areas sown in 1884, of 140,000 acres, while all the other counties lying within the belt, with the exception of Russell, Elsworth, Rice and Ottawa, have lost heavily.

"The eastern third of the state, less note of or wheat culture, has also reduced its area materially, but the loss as compared with that shown by the reports well all many peacock."

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Kansas City Grain and Produce Market.

Kansas City, April 6, 1988 The Daily Indicator reports: There was no session of the board of trade to-day on account of the city election, conse-quently there is no report of the grain market. The produce market report is for to-day.

CORN MEAL—Steady, acked, 69c; bulk, 53c.

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FLAX SEED—41 00.

CHEESE—We quote: Full cream, 12s; Sat Sc; Young America, 13c.

LIVE POULTRY — Firmer Chickens—Hens, 22 75c3 00; mixed, 24 00c; 50; dneke, 23 00; turkeys, 566. Dressed poultry—Westher toewarm. Chickens—Choice, 5628c; geese. 567c.

Game—Good demand, prairie chickens, 23 25c

3 75; quail, 31 25 per dos.; ducks, \$1 75, tasl., \$1 25 per dos.; rabbits, 506 00c per dos.

PROVISIONS—In round lots—Sugar cuxed Yams, 8c per pound; breakfast bacon, 7%c pas hound dried beef hams, 9c per pound; New pork shoulders, 53 6634c per pound. Iama, 9c per pound; breakfast bacon, 7%c pas hound dried beef hama, 9c per pound; New pork shoulders, 5%66%c per pound. DRY SALIT MEA/TH—Shoulders, 25 65; clear rib sides, 25 25; long clear sides, 25 10; short clear rib sides, 25 25; smoked clear rib sides, 25 85; long clear sides, 25 20; shoulders; 24 50; short

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DRIED FRUITS—Apples, dun; best, \$2 00; common to medium, \$1 25@1 50; san dried, \$2 50; fancy, 34:6; penches do, 2½&4c; half bright, large, 4825c.

HIDES AND PELITS—Hides—Dry flint, No. per pound, 15c; No. 2, 11c; dry salted, 11c; green salted, No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 5½&6½c; green, No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 5½c; calf, 10c; sheep pelts, dry, 9@10c.

MESS BEEF—Extra, \$2 50.

BARREL MEATS—Boneless perk, \$12 50; clear pork, \$12 00; mess pork, \$11 00.

TALLOW—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4½c.

SORGHUM—Bright, sweet and clear, 20c per

ELEVATOR REPORTS.

Becaived 790,196 Total 8,212 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

The following table shows the prices of corn, oats and rea the close on 'change tin comparison with the newton.' To-day day

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, April 6, 1888 BHEEP-Beceipts, 329 head; shipments, he market is strong. Good to choice, \$4 256

CATTLE SALES.

Detroit Free Press.

"Occasionally a mighty Nimrod from the city comes out to hunt game in my neighborhood,", said a Greenfield farmer yesterday. "A few days ago I saw a swell of a chap edging up through my sugar bush to the wheat field. He had on long-legged boots, and was toggled and belted and strapped oul in regular hunter fashion. He looked just too purty for snything. He carried a darling of a gun, and he went dodging around as